

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5-13 and amend claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A power use circuit breaker which is connected in an electric circuit and operates to interrupt current flowing through the electric circuit comprising:

an electrical resistance generating unit which adds an electrical resistance in the electric circuit during interruption of current and ~~causes to attenuate~~ attenuates the current to be interrupted and a vacuum circuit breaker which is connected in ~~electrically~~ series with the electrical resistance generating unit and operates to interrupt the attenuated current; and

wherein the electrical resistance generating unit is an arc generating switching unit which is closed during current conduction to have a substantially negligible small value of electrical resistance and is opened during current interruption so as to generate an arc and to form an arc resistance circuit.

2. (Currently Amended) A power use circuit breaker including a current interrupting circuit which is connected in an electric circuit and operates to interrupt current flowing through the electric circuit and a current conducting circuit

which is connected in parallel with the current interrupting circuit during interruption of the current so as to transfer conducting current to the current interrupting circuit, wherein:

the current interrupting circuit is provided with an electrical resistance generating unit which adds an electrical resistance in the electric circuit during interruption of the current and ~~causes to attenuate~~ attenuates the current to be interrupted and a vacuum circuit breaker which is connected in electrically series with the electrical resistance generating unit and operates to interrupt the attenuated current; and

wherein the electrical resistance generating unit is an arc generating switching unit which is closed during current conduction to have a substantially negligible small value of electrical resistance and is opened during current interruption so as to generate an arc and to form an arc resistance circuit.

3. (Currently Amended) A power use circuit breaker according to claim 1, wherein the electrical resistance generating unit is ~~an arc generating switching unit which is closed during current conduction to show a substantially negligible small value of electrical resistance and is opened during current interruption so as to generate an arc and to form an arc~~

~~resistance circuit~~ provided with a container which contains gas of which pressure is raised by heating through arcing and the pressurized gas is blasted toward the arc.

4. (Currently Amended) A power use circuit breaker according to claim 2, wherein the electrical resistance generating unit is ~~an arc generating switching unit which is closed during current conduction to show a substantially negligible small value of electrical resistance and is opened during current interruption so as to generate an arc and to form an arc~~ resistance circuit provided with a container which contains gas of which pressure is raised by heating through arcing and the pressurized gas is blasted toward the arc.

5-13. Canceled